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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. Between late August and 19 September 1955, large crates, each approximately the length of a flatcar and exceeding a man's height were loaded and unloaded at Rangsdorf airfield. An estimated 50 to 60 such crates arrived and left between 1 and 14 September. The crates had an entrance door at the side and hatches capable of being locked in the upper half. A worker employed at the field, stated that each crate contained an entire aircraft, a small single-seater or two-seater biplane the lower wings of which were shorter than the upper wings. Aircraft of this type were repeatedly observed parking in Buecker hangar. They had a silvery metal sheen and presumably were not covered with wood or linen. Three cranes mounted on wheels and cranes on trucks required for loading the crates were observed on the side track. On 14 September, the number of crates was estimated at 25 to 30.

2. At about 0430 on 19 September, a train with 6 crates, as had been observed at Rangsdorf airfield, was seen at Zossen railroad station. The crates covered the entire area of the flatcars of the old type but did not quite cover the flatcars of the new type, which were about 1.5 meters longer. The crates had a frame of wooden beams lined with boards on the inside. The entrance door, 2 sliding flaps and 2 ventilators were on the longitudinal sides. 1

3. New buildings were under construction near Lake Rangsdorf. A worker stated that new barracks buildings were to be established there. About 25 masons were employed. 2

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1. Comment. The type of the aircraft has not been determined. In addition to the shipment observed on 19 September, 6 crates were reportedly dispatched toward Muensdorf in late August. For sketch of crate, see Annex.

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2. Comment. 7 brick barracks were constructed in Rangsdorf. Roof covering was allegedly to be completed by 30 August 1955. These buildings are presumably identical with the new buildings mentioned in the present report.

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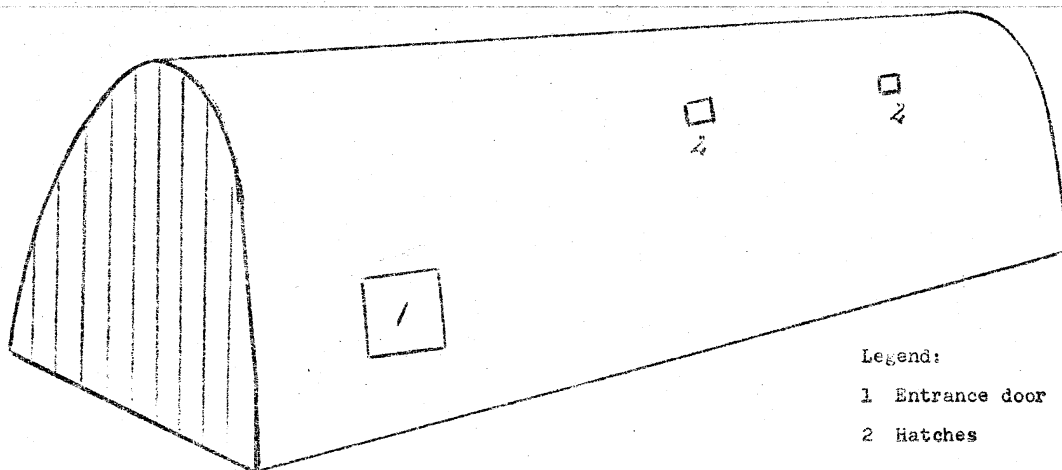
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Crate Observed at Bangsdorf Airfield



- Legend:
- 1 Entrance door
 - 2 Hatches

Length: 8 to 10 meters

Height: appr 2 meters

Width: " 2 meters

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